



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:15 PM, Wednesday, June 21, 2017

New Haven City Hall – 165 Church Street

Second Floor, Mayor's Meeting Room #2

New Haven Democracy Fund Board:

Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

Gerald Martin

William Wynn

Jack Paulishen

James O'Connell

(Two Seats Vacant)

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

Members of the public: Aaron Goode

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 6:23pm.
2. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings - Last meeting in May had no quorum and no minutes were taken.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Administrator's Report
 - A) State level legislation - Everything died including National Popular vote and the constitutional amendment.
 - B) 2017 Municipal Elections - Administrator Heimer reminded members that participation on Mayoral campaigns is not permitted under the ordinance and that includes: donating money, volunteer time, location space, door knocking, phone calling, or otherwise openly and publicly backing a candidate.

Press in the New Haven Independent on the Fund was very positive. Board decided to have the Administrator and the Chair schedule a meeting with Mayor Harp to clarify her statement in the article about making the Democracy Fund look more like CEP (from which the Fund is modeled)

The Paca campaign is leaning heavily to using the fund.

5. Report from the Chair

Worried about the trickle down effect of potential cuts to CEP, the Chair proposed the possibility of meeting with Corporation Counsel to do outside fundraising for the Fund and increase the profile of the Fund to widen the possible donation pool.



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Sustainability of the Fund is incredibly important and outside fundraising would enable the Fund to stay in operation for much longer.

Paulishen noted that it was incredibly important to have someone use the Fund this year to show the importance of the program.

6. Public Comment

Aaron Goode wanted to thank all Board members for their service.

7. New Business

Chair will meet with Corp Counsel to determine parameters of fundraising ability.
Ask for clarification on service on DTCs. Section 3 article 2.

James O'Connell introduced himself to the group as the newest member of the Board. O'Connell has run for office in New Haven in the past and values a balance for people from the dominant party, and minor party representation.

Paulishen mentioned his desire for the Board to use the Remind App to send notifications to the members of the board of when meetings are.

Paulishen motioned to adjourn. O'Connell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.